

Organization: Downtown Hampton Development Partnership

Meeting Date: March 20, 2013

in Attendance: 14

What is Alternatives (agency)?

- I have been on the Downtown Hampton Child Development Center board for 25 years, there is less youth violence due to Hampton support, if city gives less money for youth programs, we get less for grants, etc. Also some Hampton city schools kids go there too, there is a waiting list.
- Would closing the Visitor Center include the one in our office?
- In regards to construction inspections, only problem is it just not 1 inspection, but 10.
- What kind of classes would the schools lose with the 7 period blocks?
- Don't the school counselors also coordinate all the testing?
- You operate off a rear view mirror, dealing with last year's budget, do you see any improvement from last year to what you are dealing with today?
- How sure are you go getting accurate data?
- How do we compare with ZILLOW?
- Is the temperature of council to raise the tax rate?
- Need to invest in the community by grow your way out; can't just do a tax rate increase.
- We have got to have a solution that focuses on growth
- One of the things that focus is on in this presentation, is we are always talking about home values, we spend very little time on what is needed to attract business.
- Need to have a vision on how to attract high value housing and then show you are sincere with your actions.
- I hear very little activity of us trying to capitalize on health care programs such as the VA; need to go after these investments actively.
- Healthy Families Partnership is tremendous, how do we capitalize and invest in the youth community.
- Low income people come in and we build on low-end because we do it so
 often.
- We need to go after aggressively businesses like Cox Communications and places that are going to other localities.
- I understand tax implications but what we create is lower paying jobs.
- We've got all assets in place we need someone to execute.
- We have Master Plans in place but we haven't really finished one of them.
- I see growth in Coliseum Central but I worry about decorum downtown.
- City and University are still going to be the major property owners, but we are not building downtown because we are not attracting businesses.
- Capitalize on the 10,000 people that will be retiring every year for next 20 years, with disposable income and they are highly active in the community. They are a segment of the population we need to focus on.

•	There are houses that are the same as Buckroe (same size), they just have curb appeal, the issues isn't that Buckroe doesn't need to be big houses, just need to be decent. Need to get out the renters and make them into starter homes.